

**BOUNDARY DISTRICT TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION**

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Boundary District Teachers' Association welcomes this opportunity to make a submission to the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review. (CPCSR)

The Boundary District Teachers' Association is a member of the British Columbia Teachers' Federation and the British Columbia Federation of Labour.

We are writing because we are very concerned about the future of universal, public postal service in this country and our community. We are concerned about the loss of service, rising costs and also for those who will be left unemployed.

Our Association believes this is just the beginning of privatizing of the whole of the country.

In Grand Forks, the Canada Post is an integral part of our labour force and our community. We rely on the services of the post office for small and large business alike. Staffs are welcoming and helpful to young and old.

Research has shown that deregulation has proven not to be beneficial for the public. People who use deregulated post offices tend to pay higher postage than we currently are. The standard postage rate in Sweden has increased by 90% since its post office was deregulated in 1993 while the Canadian rate has increased by only 21% during the same period (1993-2005)

There are many issues that could be brought forth, but the one that is the most disturbing is the fact that the government is not holding any public hearings. What is happening to the democracy of our Country when the general public does not have the opportunity for input into such a huge decision, which affects us all?

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Carol McQuarrie'. The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Carol McQuarrie
Local President
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